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Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application
Application No. 09/364,786; Filed: July 30, 1999
For: **Processor Having a Compare Extension
of an Instruction Set Architecture**

Inventors: Thekkath *et al.*
Our Ref: 1778.0120002 (*as amended*)

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